

**NOAA's NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS)
2008 MARINE MAMMAL AUTHORIZATION CERTIFICATE**

Authorization:

Pursuant to Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) (16 U.S.C. 1387), the implementing regulations at 50 CFR Part 229, and subject to the terms and conditions below, NMFS issues this Authorization Certificate, which, when presented in combination with a current and valid federal fishing permit, authorizes the taking of non-endangered marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing in Category I or II fisheries.

Terms and Conditions:

- All incidental mortality or injury of marine mammals occurring in the course of commercial fishing operations must be reported to NMFS within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip in which the incidental mortality or injury occurred.
- This Authorization Certificate, or a photocopy, must be on board the vessel during commercial fishing operations.
- Authorization Certificate holders must comply with any applicable take reduction plans and emergency regulations.
- If requested to do so by NMFS or a designated contractor providing observer services to NMFS, an Authorization Certificate holder must take aboard an observer to accompany the vessel on fishing trips.
- When necessary to deter a marine mammal from damaging fishing gear, catch, other private property, or from endangering personal safety, the vessel owner, operator, or crew members may use measures which do not result in serious injury or mortality of the animal, as required by the deterrence provisions of the MMPA.
- A marine mammal may not be intentionally killed in the course of commercial fishing operations except where imminently necessary in self-defense or to protect the life of a person in immediate danger. Such lethal taking must be reported to NMFS within 48 hours. Any marine mammal incidentally taken must be immediately returned to the sea unless NMFS directs otherwise.
- This Authorization Certificate, or copy, must be made available upon request to any state or federal enforcement agent authorized to enforce the MMPA, any designated agent of NMFS, or any contractor providing observer services to NMFS.
- This certificate is not transferable. In the event of a change in vessel ownership, the Authorization Certificate is void and a new Authorization Certificate must be obtained by the new owner.
- If the registered vessel is sold or destroyed or is replaced by a new designated vessel, an authorization must be obtained for the new vessel.
- Any person who violates these Terms and Conditions, regulations under 50 CFR Part 229, or any provisions of Section 118 of the MMPA shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the MMPA.
- If there are changes in your mailing address or vessel ownership, notify the NMFS Southeast Region Protected Resources Division at 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL, 33701, (727) 824-5312, within 30 days.
- This certificate is valid from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008.



2008 Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, & Caribbean Category I & II Fisheries* Under the Marine Mammal Authorization Program – Including Both State & Federal Waters

Gillnet Fisheries

- **57- Northeast sink gillnet (Cat. I)** - includes fishing for any target species using sink gillnet gear from the U.S./Canada border to Long Island, NY, at 72° 30' W long. south to 36° 33.03' N lat. (corresponding with Virginia/North Carolina border) & east to the eastern edge of EEZ- not including Long Island Sound or other waters where gillnet fisheries are listed as Cat. II and Cat. III.
- **59- Mid-Atlantic gillnet (Cat. I)** - includes fishing for any target species using any type of gillnet gear west of a line drawn at 72° 30' W long. south to 36° 33.03' N lat. & east to the eastern edge of the EEZ and north of the North Carolina/South Carolina border - not including waters where Cat. II & Cat. III inshore gillnet fisheries operate. This fishery includes any residual large pelagic driftnet effort in the Mid-Atlantic and any shark and dogfish gillnet effort in the Mid- Atlantic zone described.
- **58- Northeast anchored float gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing for any target species using anchored float gillnet gear from the U.S./Canada border Long Island, NY, at 72° 30' W long. south to 36° 33.03' N lat. & east to the eastern edge of EEZ- but not including Long Island Sound or other waters where gillnet fisheries are listed as Cat. III.
- **89- Northeast drift gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing for any target species using drift gillnet gear from the U.S./Canada border to Long Island, NY, at 72° 30' W long. south to 36° 33.03' N lat. & east to the eastern edge of EEZ- not including Long Island Sound or other waters where gillnet fisheries are listed as Category III. This fishery includes any residual large pelagic driftnet effort in New England.
- **83- North Carolina inshore gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing with any type of gillnet gear for any target species inshore of the COLREGS lines in NC.
- **84- Southeast Atlantic gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing with any type of gillnet gear for any species (except shark gillnetting effort using 5-inch or greater stretched mesh south of the South Carolina/Georgia border) in waters south of a line extending due east from the NC/SC border & south and east of the fishery management council demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico (50 CFR 600.105).
- **40- Southeastern U.S. Atlantic shark gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes shark gillnetting with 5-inch or greater stretched mesh in waters south of line extending due east from the South Carolina/Georgia border.
- **95- Gulf of Mexico gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing with any type of gillnet gear for any species in waters west of the fishery management council demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean & the Gulf of Mexico (50 CFR 600.105) & north of the US/Mexico border.
- **110- Chesapeake Bay inshore gillnet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing with gillnet gear (mesh sizes 2.75-5 in. (7-12.7cm)) for any target species between the Chesapeake Bay/Bridge Tunnel & mainland. For example target species may include, but are not limited to, menhaden and croaker.

Longline Fisheries

- **05- Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico large pelagics longline (Cat. I)** - includes fishing for large pelagic species as well as dolphin (mahi mahi) and wahoo with pelagic longline gear.

Trap/Pot Fisheries

- **74- Northeast/Mid-Atlantic American lobster trap/pot (Cat. I)** - includes inshore & offshore fishing for American lobster with trap/pot gear.
- **97- Atlantic mixed species trap/pot (Cat. II)** - includes all trap/pot operations from the US/ Canada border down through the waters east of the fishery management demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico (50 CFR 600.105)- not including other Category I, II, and III trap/pot fisheries already appearing on the List of Fisheries (Northeast/Mid-Atlantic American lobster trap/pot; Atlantic blue crab trap/pot; Florida spiny lobster trap/pot; Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico stone crab trap/pot; U.S. Mid-Atlantic eel trap/pot; and Southeastern U.S. Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico golden crab trap/pot).
- **85- Atlantic blue crab trap/pot (Cat. II)** - includes all trap/pot effort targeting blue crab west of 72° 30' W in the Atlantic and east of fishery management demarcation line between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico (50 CFR 600.105).

Trawl Fisheries

- **70- Mid-Atlantic mid-water trawl (including pair trawl) (Cat. II)** - includes fishing for Atlantic squid, mackerel, and butterfish with trawl gear from home ports between New York & North Carolina.
- **65- Northeast mid-water trawl (including pair trawl) (Cat. II)** - includes all mid-water (pelagic) trawl operations for Atlantic herring from home ports between Connecticut and Maine.
- **77- Northeast bottom trawl (Cat. II)** - Includes fishing for any target species using bottom trawl gear from the US/Canada border through the waters east of 72° 30' W.
- **100- Mid-Atlantic bottom trawl (Cat. II)** - Includes fishing for any target species using bottom trawl gear from the waters west of 72° 30' W & north of a line extending due east from the North Carolina/South Carolina border.
- **124- Mid-Atlantic Flynet (Cat. II)** - includes fishing inshore & offshore for any target species using flynet gear from New Jersey to North Carolina.

Purse Seine Fisheries

- **66- Gulf of Mexico menhaden purse seine (Cat. II)** - includes fishing with purse seine gear to target menhaden in the Gulf of Mexico.
- **111- Mid-Atlantic menhaden purse seine (Category II)** - includes fishing with purse targeting menhaden and thread herring using purse seine gear in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Haul/Beach Seine Fisheries

- **71- Mid-Atlantic haul/beach seine (Category II)** - includes fishing with haul/beach seine gear to target any species in waters west of 72°30' W and north of a line extending due east from the North Carolina/South Carolina border.
- **87- North Carolina long haul seine (Category II)** - includes fishing with long haul seine gear to target any species in North Carolina waters.

Stop Net & Pound Net Fisheries

- **72- North Carolina roe mullet stop net (Category II)** - includes fishing with stop net gear to target mullet off Bogue Banks, NC.
- **88- Virginia pound net (Category II)** - includes all pound net effort in Virginia state waters, including waters inside the Chesapeake Bay.

* Note: Numbers listed prior to fishery name correspond to the fishery ID numbers

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